

PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4
Water Management Division
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDLs) FOR WATERS AND POLLUTANTS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Section 303(d)(1)(C) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. §1313(d)(1)(C), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's implementing regulation, 40 CFR §130.7(c)(1), require the establishment of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for waters identified by states as not meeting water quality standards under authority of §303(d)(1)(A) of the CWA. Each of these TMDLs is to be established at a level necessary to implement applicable water quality standards with seasonal variations and a margin of safety, accounting for lack of knowledge concerning the relationship between pollutant loading and water quality.

The TMDLs described in this notice are required by the 1999 Consent Decree entered in the case of Florida Wildlife Federation, Inc., et al. v. Carol M. Browner, et al., No. 4:98CV356-WS (N.D. Fla., Tallahassee Division, April 22, 1998). The waterbody impairments on Florida's 303(d) list that will be addressed by the TMDLs are listed below. These impaired waterbodies are located in the Tampa Bay Tributary Basin.

Waterbody Name	Waterbody Identification (WBID) Number	§303(d) List Pollutant(s)
Cow House Creek	1534	Dissolved Oxygen and Nutrients
Lake Hunter	1543	Nutrients
Sparkman Branch	1561	Dissolved Oxygen, Nutrients, Fecal and Total Coliforms
Hillsborough River	1443E	Nutrients, Fecal and Total Coliforms
Baker Creek	1522C	Dissolved Oxygen, Nutrients, Fecal and Total Coliforms
Lake Thonotosassa	1522B	Lead and Unionized Ammonia
Flint Creek	1522A	Dissolved Oxygen, Nutrients, Fecal and Total Coliforms, BOD
Hillsborough River	1443B	Dissolved Oxygen
Itchepackasassa Creek	1495B	Dissolved Oxygen and BOD
Hillsborough River	1443D	Total Coliform
Blackwater Creek	1482	Dissolved Oxygen, Fecal and Total Coliforms, BOD
Cypress Creek	1402	Dissolved Oxygen and Total Coliforms
New River	1442	Dissolved Oxygen, Fecal and Total Coliforms

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed TMDLs or to offer new data or information regarding the proposed TMDLs are invited to submit the same in writing no later than November 30, 2004 to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Water Management Division, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960, ATTENTION: Ms. Sibyl Cole, Standards, Monitoring, and TMDL Branch.

A copy of each of the proposed TMDLs can be obtained through the Internet or by contacting Ms. Cole at (404) 562-9437 or via electronic mail at cole.sibyl@epa.gov. The URL address for the proposed TMDLs is: <http://www.epa.gov/region4/water/tmdl/florida/index.htm/>. The proposed TMDLs and supporting documents, including technical information, data, and analyses, may be reviewed at 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Persons wishing to review this information should contact Ms. Cole to schedule a time for that review.

/s/

James D. Giattina, Director
Water Management Division
Region 4
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

September 30, 2004
Date